

STUDBOOK PELOMEDUSA SUBRUFa

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1. Introduction

This is my first report on the *Pelomedusa subrufa* studbook. A report on the in and outs of this small studbook for the board and studbook participants. My hope is that keepers will continue sharing their experience.

2. Purpose of the studbook

The reason for the *Pelomedusa* studbook, has to do with the critical situation in Asia and I think the African turtles will not fare better in the future, when they are transported on a large scale to China as a provision for the food and medicine markets. We hope to keep the populations in captivity in the Netherlands and Belgium healthy and will be able to breed from them. Which seems quite difficult, because the animals often lay their eggs in the water where they are eaten before they are discovered. Therefore, giving advice about feeding, keeping, temperature etc. has the highest priority. My aim is to motivate the participants to share their experience, which I will publish in due time in Trionyx (Dutch Turtle Society-NSV). But this will not

be successful without help of the participants. Therefore, I would like to ask you to share your positive and your negative experiences too, every keeper can learn from that.

3. Studbook population

49 animals were recorded in the studbook on 31 December 2004 (14.14.21)

4. Locations

There were 9 locations on 31 December 2004, 7 in the Netherlands and 2 in Belgium.

5. Donations

One animal was donated to me and the studbook in 2004.

6. Applications

There were 4 new applications in 2004 involving 9 animals.

7. Births

Not yet known for 2004. There were eggs on 1 location (Belgium) but no result so far.

8. Transfers

No transfers in 2004.

9. Deaths

One studbook animal died in 2004

10. Goals

I have set the followings goals for 2005:

- Publish articles about keeping *Pelomedusa subrufa* and collect experiences from participants, which I can then later publish in Trionyx.
- Try to raise more interest in this fascinating turtle

11. Thanks

I would like to thank participants of the studbook who took the trouble to send their experiences and mutations to me, otherwise the studbook would become dormant.

12. Finally

When there are people who keep these animals and would like to participate in the studbook, they can download an application form on the website of the ESF: www.studbooks.org.

You can always contact me if you have any questions.

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When you adopt or buy an animals, always ask for extensive information.

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